

Making Europe simpler and faster

The 'Simpler and Faster Europe' Communication sets out our new course to simplify EU rules, making our economy more prosperous and competitive

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Reducing unnecessary bureaucracy:

With new targets to reduce administrative burden

New targets address all administrative costs,

instead of just reporting costs, to better meet our economic, social and environmental goals:

At least

25%

for **all companies**

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35%

for **SMEs**

 A 25% reduction requires cutting € 37.5 billion in annual administrative costs by mandate's end.

By stress-testing EU legislation

Continuous screening process to review the entire
 EU acquis, with concrete simplification measures.

With direct outreach to stakeholders

 Practitioners will share their experience on the impact of EU law on the ground, during 'reality checks', identifying hurdles faster.

By prioritising simplification measures in our work

At least five omnibus proposals foreseen in 2025:

- Sustainable finance reporting, due diligence and taxonomy.
- EU investment instruments (InvestEU, EFSI).
- Targeted simplification for small mid-caps.
- A digital simplification package, including on cybersecurity.
- Simplification of Common Agricultural Policy for farmers.

Improving how new EU rules are made:

With better impact assessments

 Reinforced SME and competitiveness checks systematically integrated to impact assessments for relevant legislation.

With smarter delivery

- Practical implementation to become part of stakeholder consultations and impact assessments.
- 'Digital by default' and 'once-only' principles.

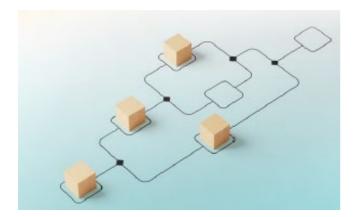
Improving how rules are implemented:

By providing stronger support to Member States

Implementation strategies for legal acts, helping Member States address main implementation challenges through support measures, explanations and transposition roadmaps.

By building administrative capacity

The EU has tools to help national administrations with implementation. e.g. the **Technical Support Instrument**, key in helping Member States strengthen their administrative capacity.



By cooperating closer with stakeholders

Each Commissioner will host at least **two implementation dialogues** annually to:

- get feedback from industry, including SMEs, social partners, civil society organisations, and regional and local authorities;
- identify good practices and issues of poor implementation, gold plating, fragmentation and simplification opportunities.

With a swift and resolute enforcement action

When cooperation fails to bring about timely implementation of agreed rules, the Commission will pursue **resolute enforcement action** and launch infringement procedures, requesting financial sanctions where legally possible.

The way forward: partnership and co-ownership

- Good implementation and simplification, a **joint endeavour**: the Commission invites the European Parliament and the Council to **consider fast-tracking** simplification proposals, without reopening other parts of the legislation, to provide maximum and swift clarity and relief to companies.
- The Commission invites co-legislators to put in place the processes and resources to assess significant
 amendments during the legislative process, and will suggest a simple methodology for this purpose.
- The Commission as a whole and each Commissioner will be held accountable and present reports and simplification work to the responsible Parliament Committees and Council configurations.
- A change in regulatory and corporate culture for the Commission: focusing on achieving economic, social and environmental goals through more effective implementation and more cost-effective rules.